



**THE
GILDED
AGE**

The Gilded Age was...

- An era in US history that seemed good and prosperous (\$\$\$) on the outside but was politically corrupt with serious social problems on the inside.



This era happened in...

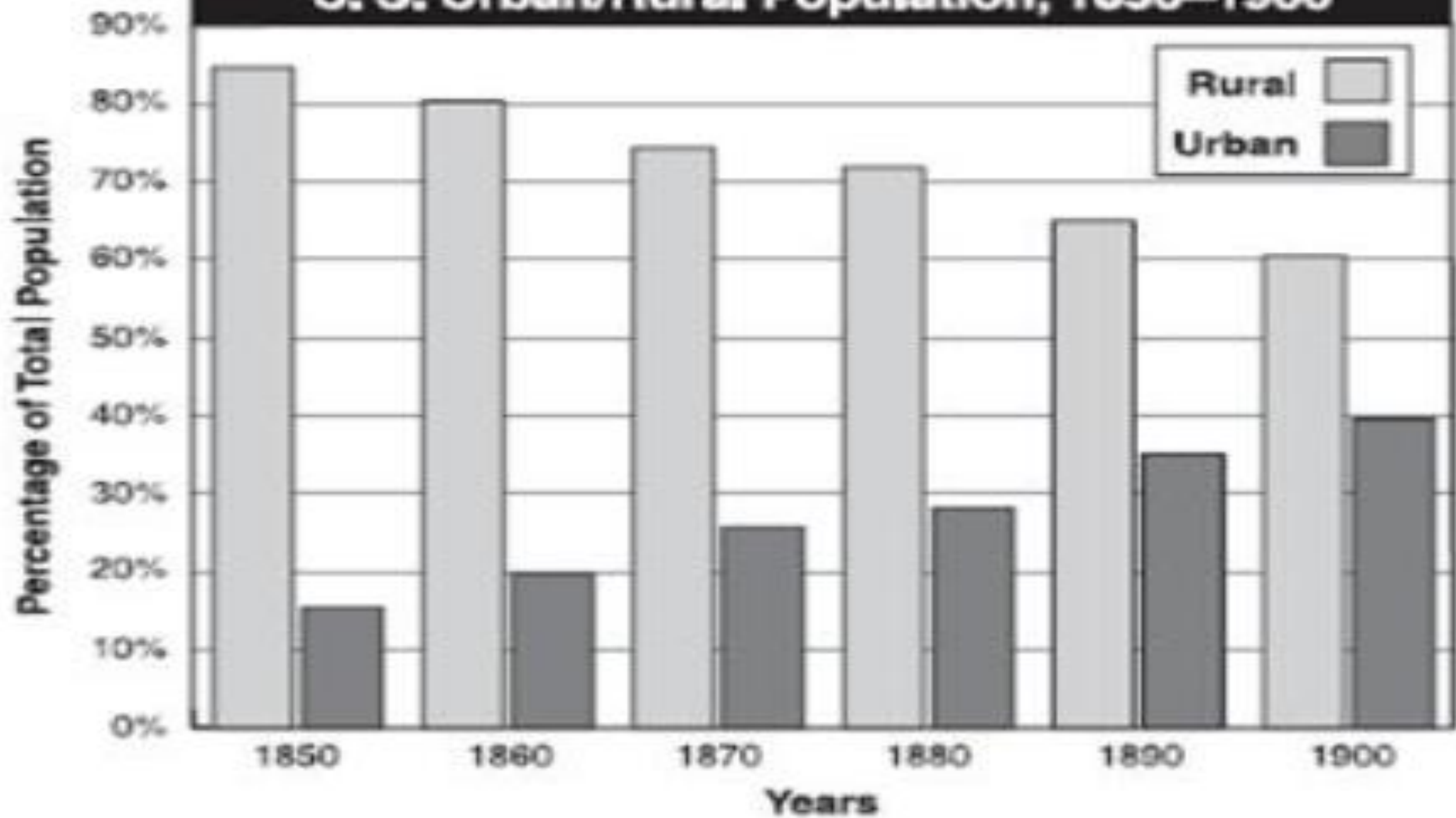
- The late 19th century (1870-1900)

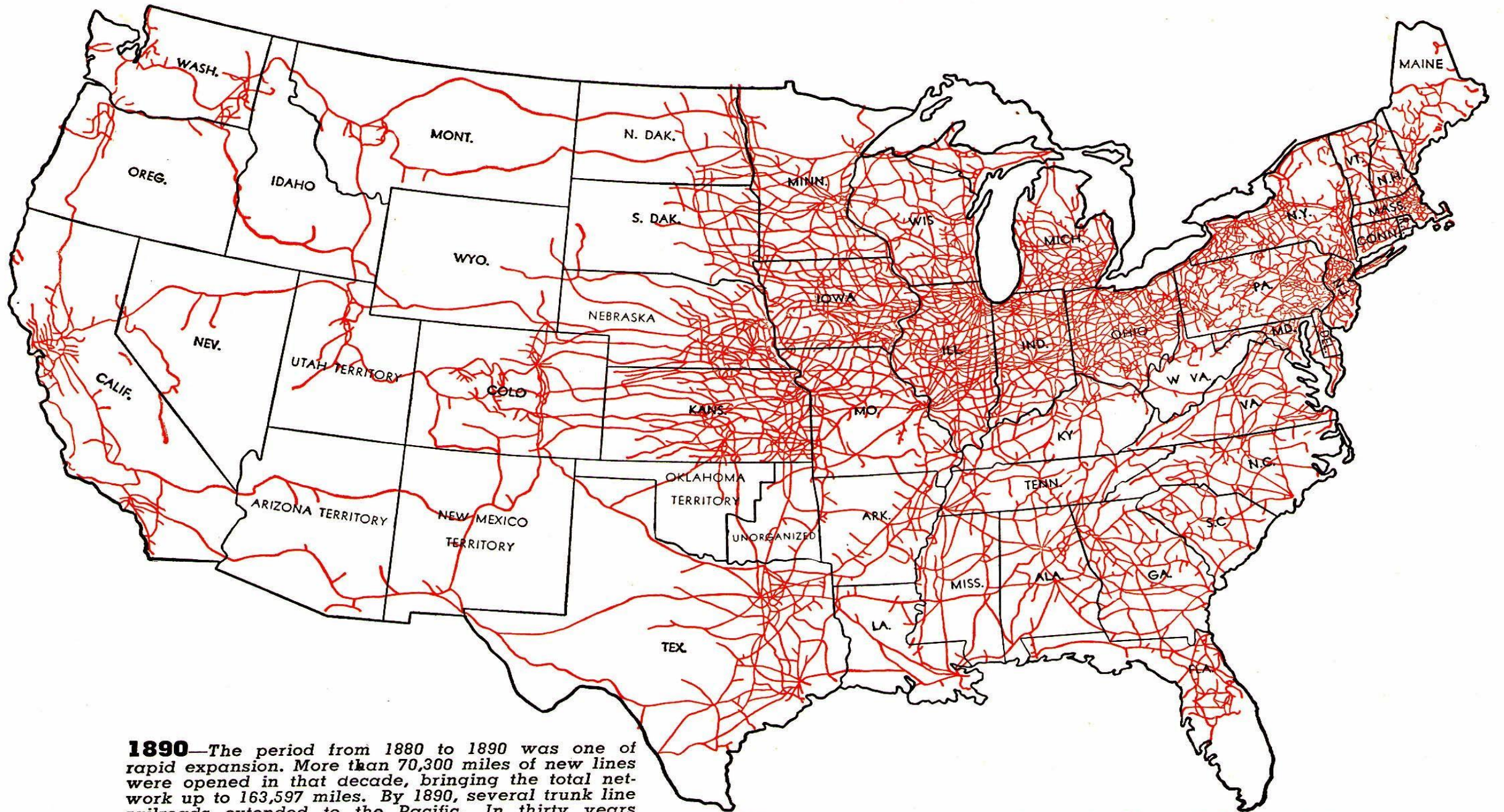


Industrialization and Westward Expansion



U. S. Urban/Rural Population, 1850–1900





1890—The period from 1880 to 1890 was one of rapid expansion. More than 70,300 miles of new lines were opened in that decade, bringing the total network up to 163,597 miles. By 1890, several trunk line railroads extended to the Pacific. In thirty years from 1860 to 1890, the total mileage of the region west of the Mississippi River increased from 2,175 to 72,389, and the population of that area increased fourfold.

Industrialization

- Mass manufacturing and Factories



Free-Enterprise System

- Gov. keeps hands off businesses/economy (laissez-faire)



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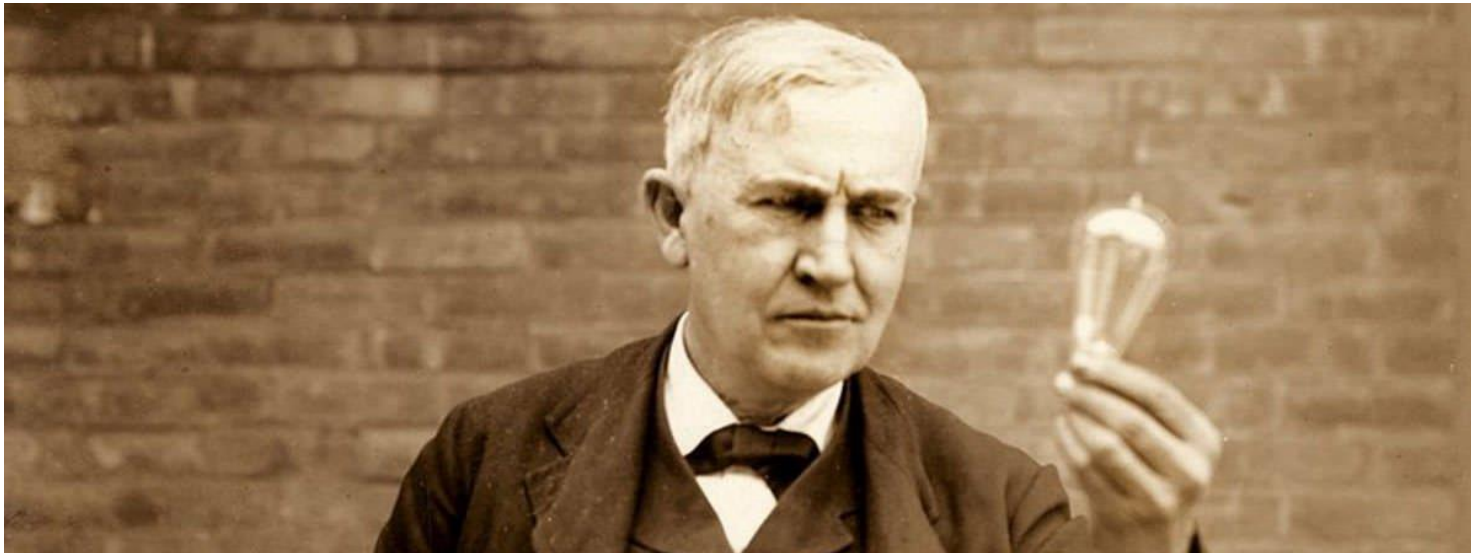
Urbanization

- The growth of cities

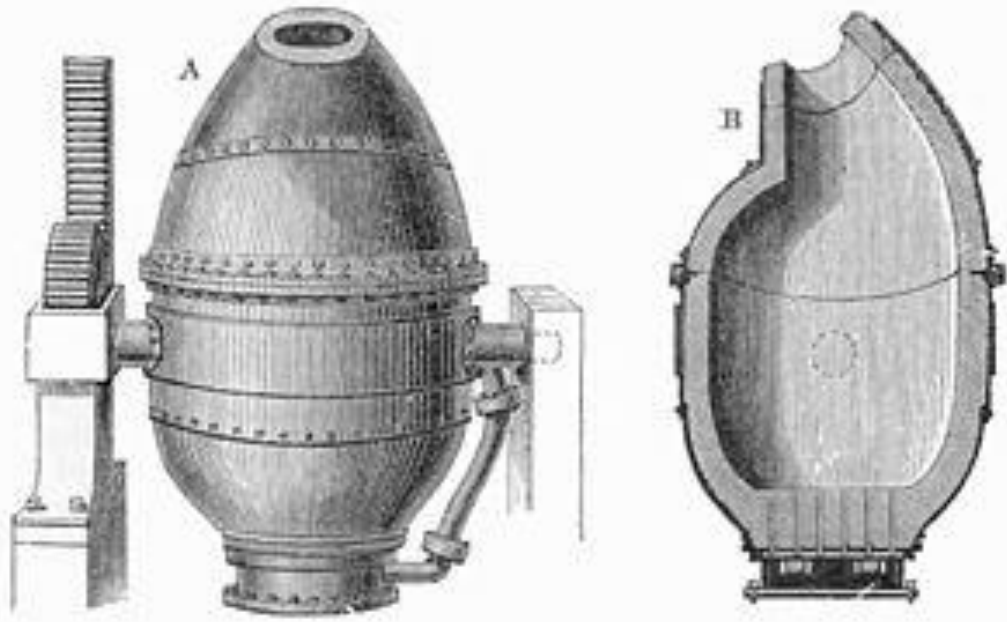


New Technology

- 1. Lightbulb (1879) Thomas Edison
- 2. Telephone (1876) Alexander Graham Bell
- 3. Transcontinental Railroad (1869)
- 4. Bessemer Steel Process (1856)

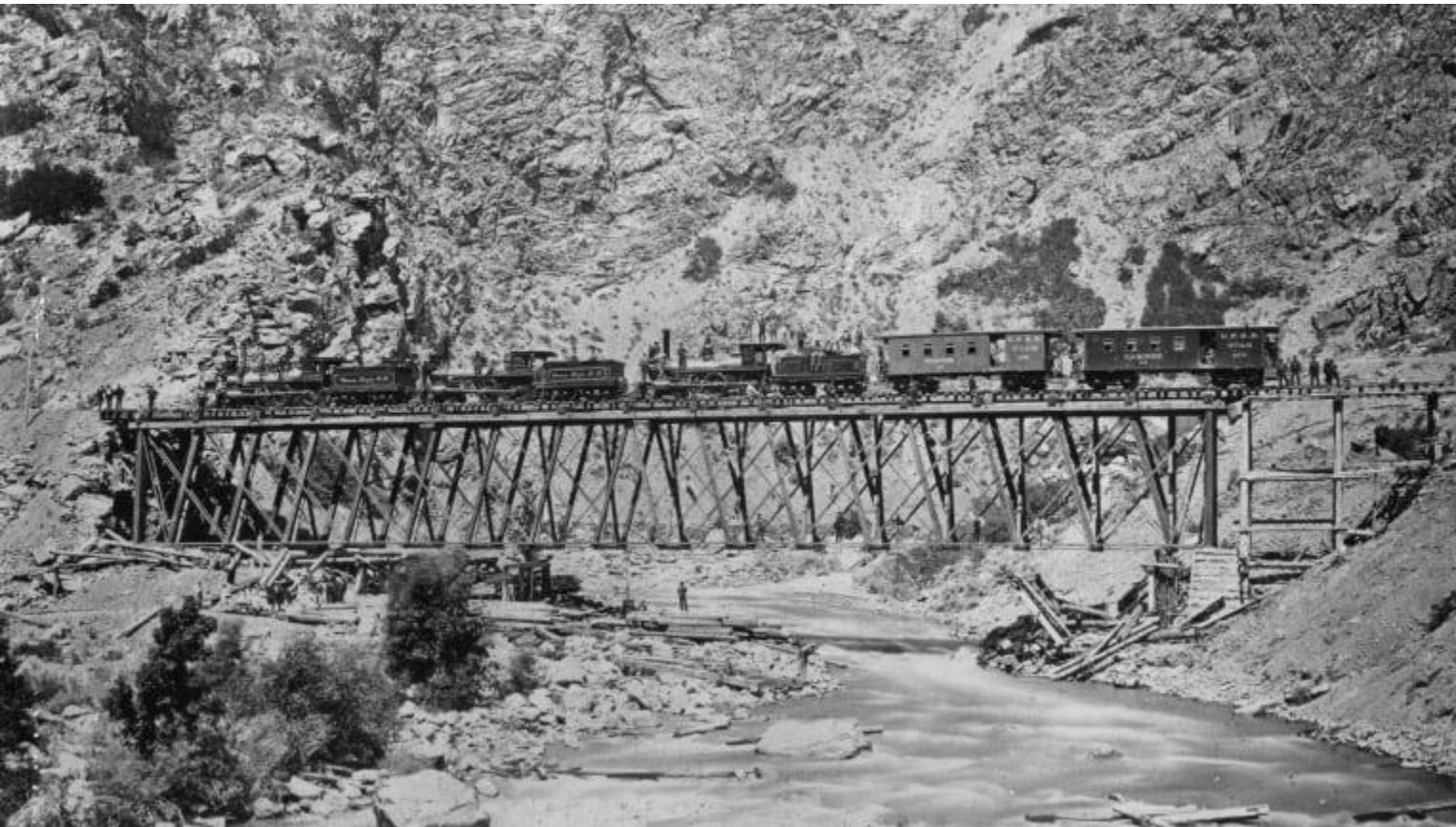


STEEL



Westward Expansion

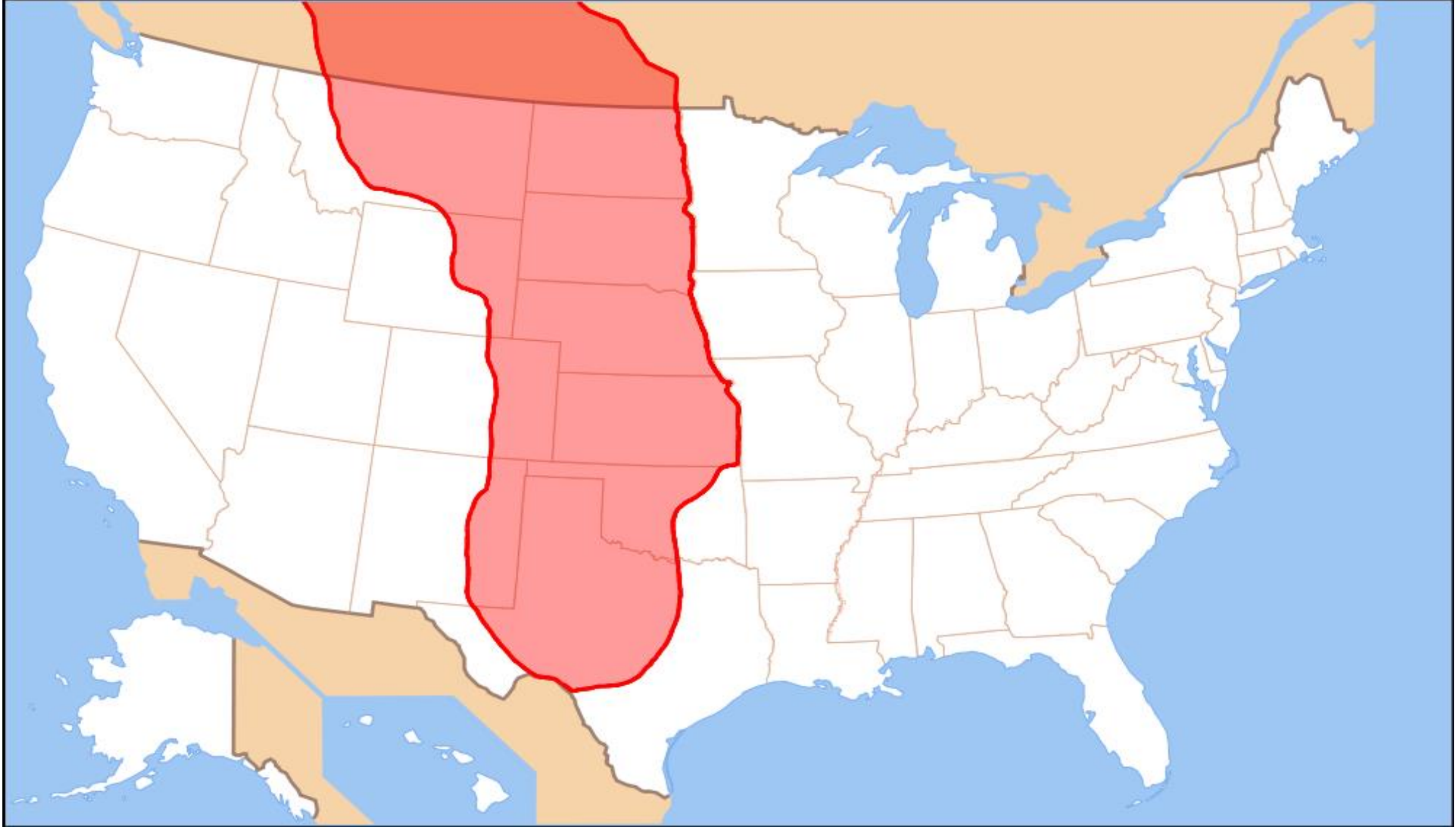
- Transcontinental Railroad opened new markets to the west all the way to the Pacific Ocean.



Great Plains







Homestead Act


- Federal gov. grant free land in west



PRODUCTS WILL PAY FOR LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS!

MILLIONS OF ACRES

View on the Big Blue, between Council and Croft, representing Valley and Rolling Prairie Land in Nebraska



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Dawes Act

- Forced assimilation of Native Americans



INDIAN LAND FOR SALE

GET A HOME

OF
YOUR OWN

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EASY PAYMENTS



PERFECT TITLE

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POSSESSION
WITHIN
THIRTY DAYS

FINE LANDS IN THE WEST

IRRIGATED
IRRIGABLE

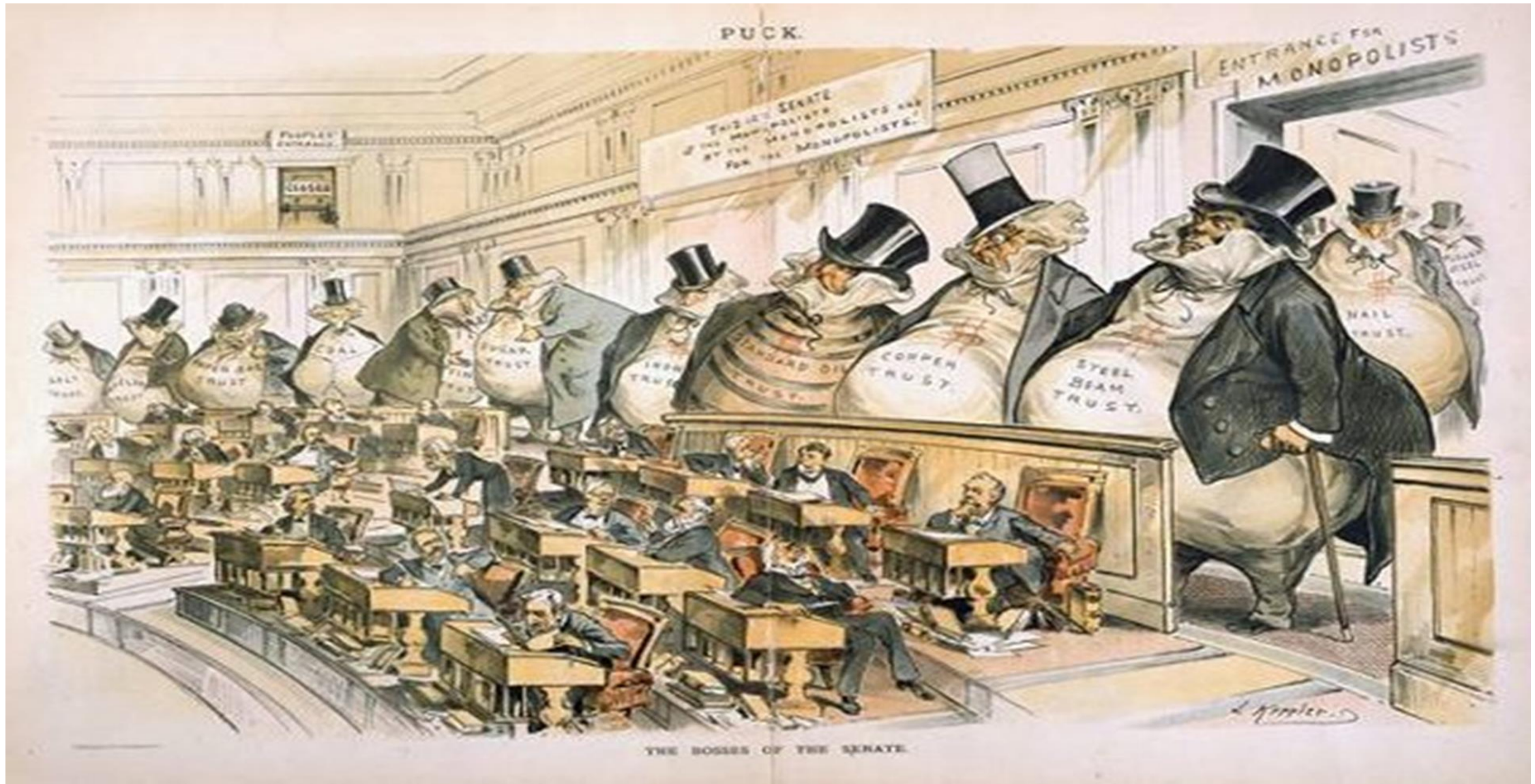
GRAZING

AGRICULTURAL
DRY FARMING

IN 1910 THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR SOLD UNDER SEALED BIDS ALLOTTED INDIAN LAND AS FOLLOWS:

Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre	Location	Acres	Average Price per Acre
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Robber Barons and Political Machines





*John D. Rockefeller
and his
Standard Oil Company
are the
great power
of the
world.*

1890



"WHO STOLE THE PEOPLES MONEY?" — DO TELL .NY.TIMES.

'T WAS HIM.

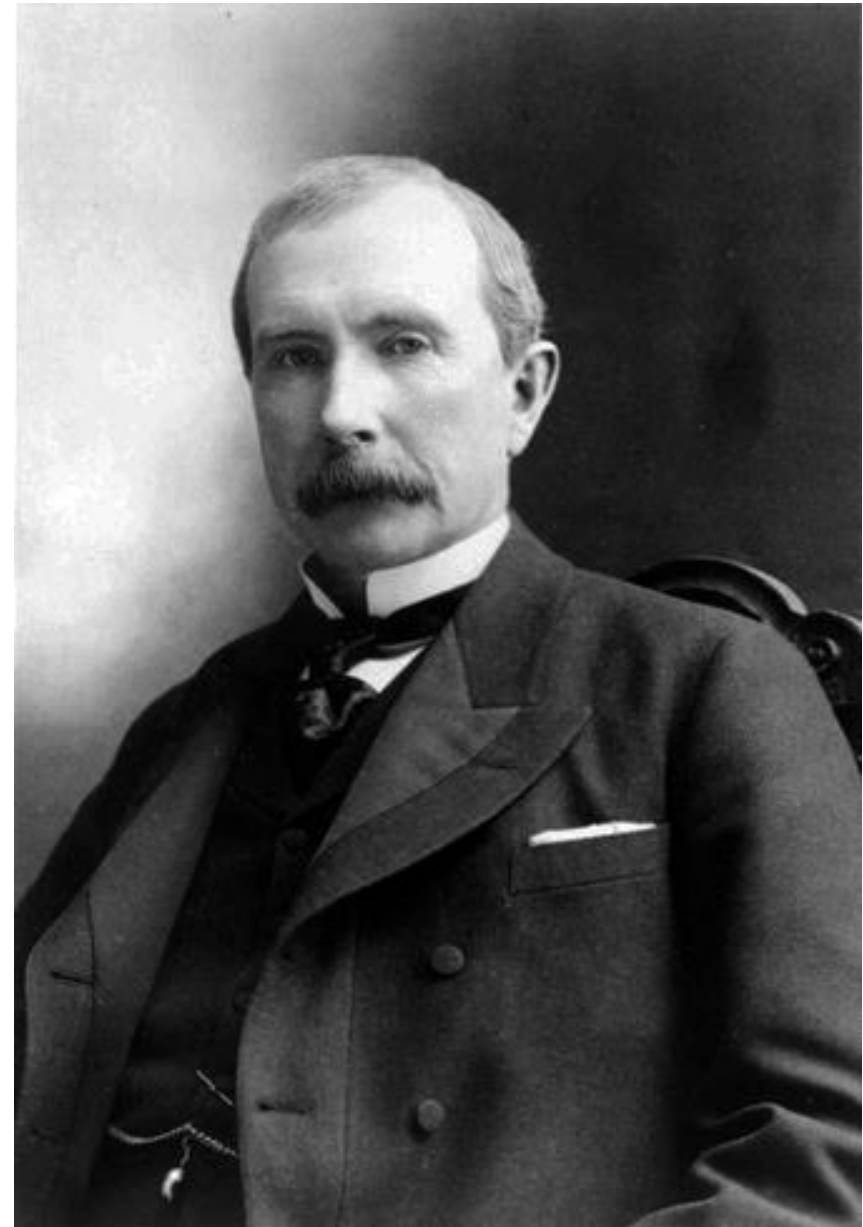
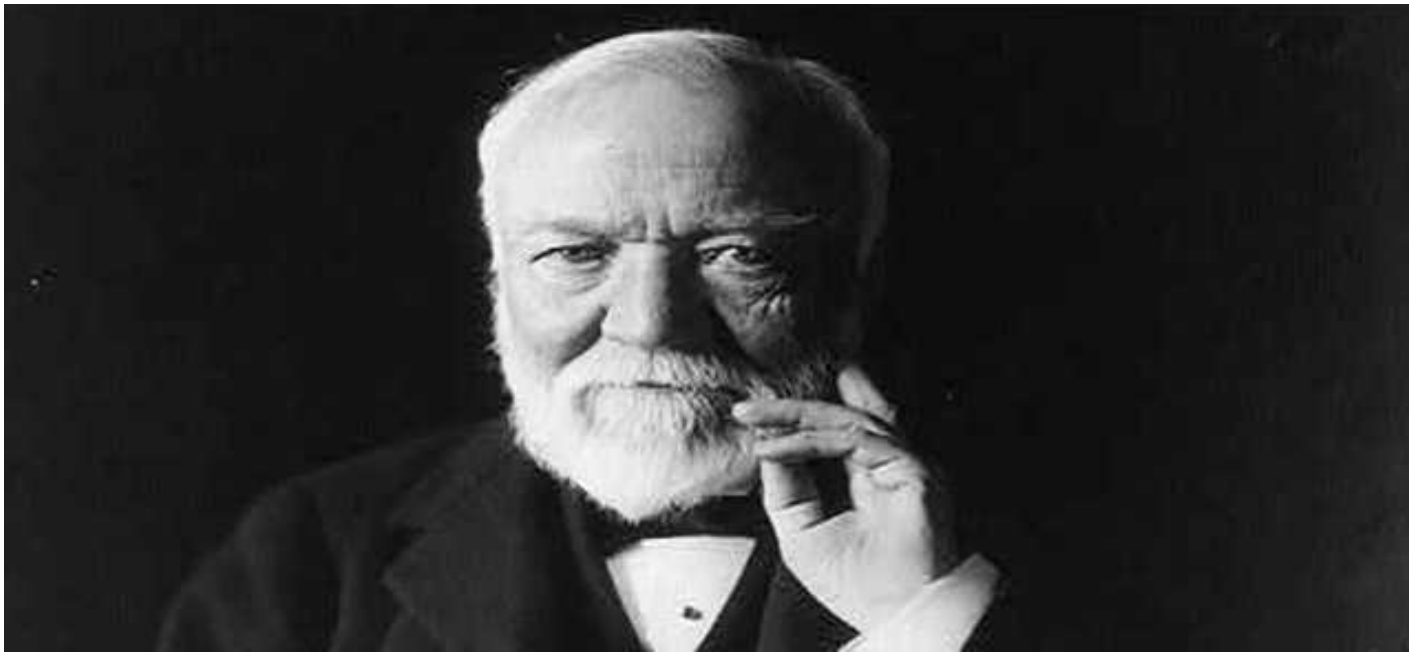
Big Business

- Industrialization and Laissez-Faire economics (\$\$\$) allowed for MONOPOLIES (trusts) to happen in America



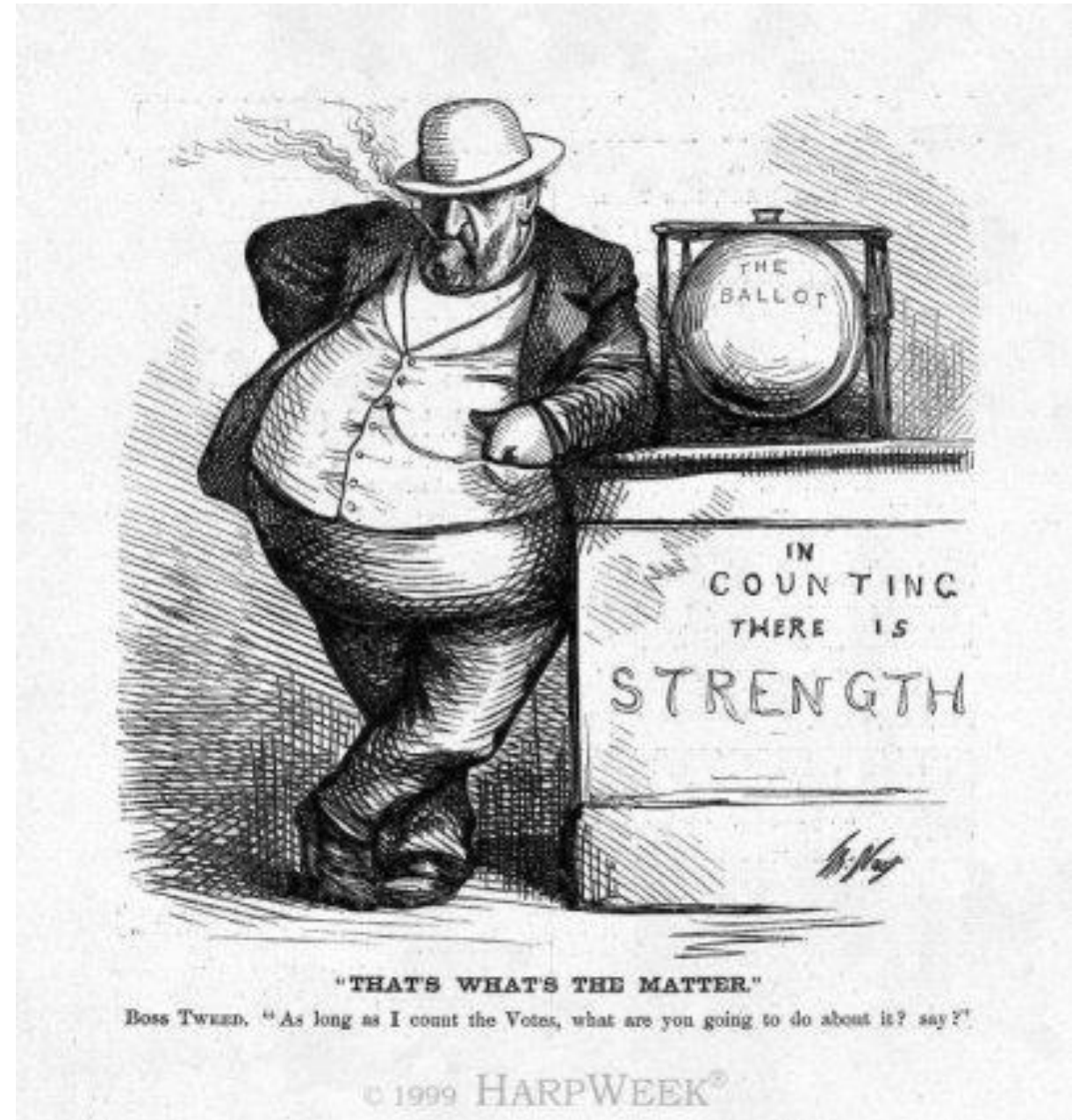
Robber Barons- Entrepreneurs or Ruthless Businessmen?

- 1. Andrew Carnegie- Steel
- 2. John D. Rockefeller- Oil
- 3. J.P. Morgan- Banking



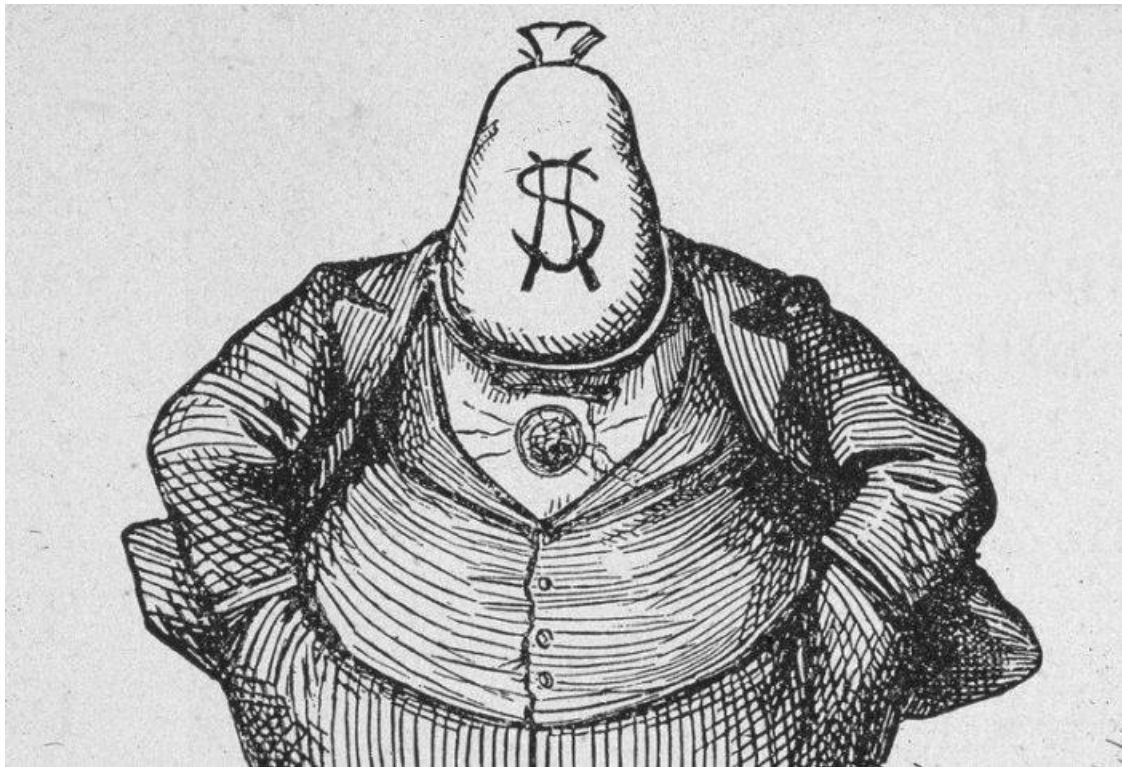
Political Machines

- Urban organizations designed to win elections and reward its followers, both rich and poor



Tammany Hall

- Powerful political machine in NYC lead by Boss Tweed (political boss)/ helped immigrants, most notably the Irish, rise in American politics

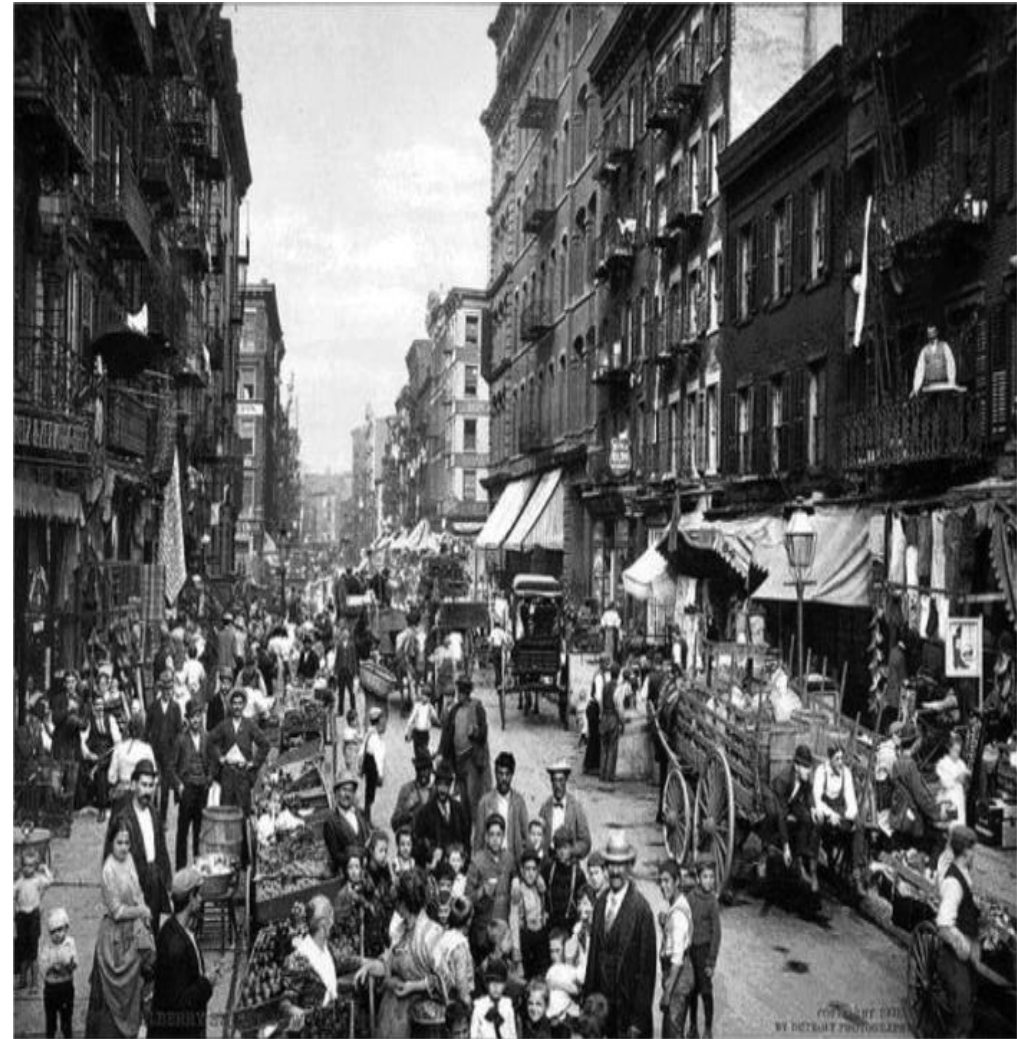


Philanthropy

- Rich people should donate money (Carnegie= Gospel of Wealth)



Immigration, Urban Issues, and Sweatshops



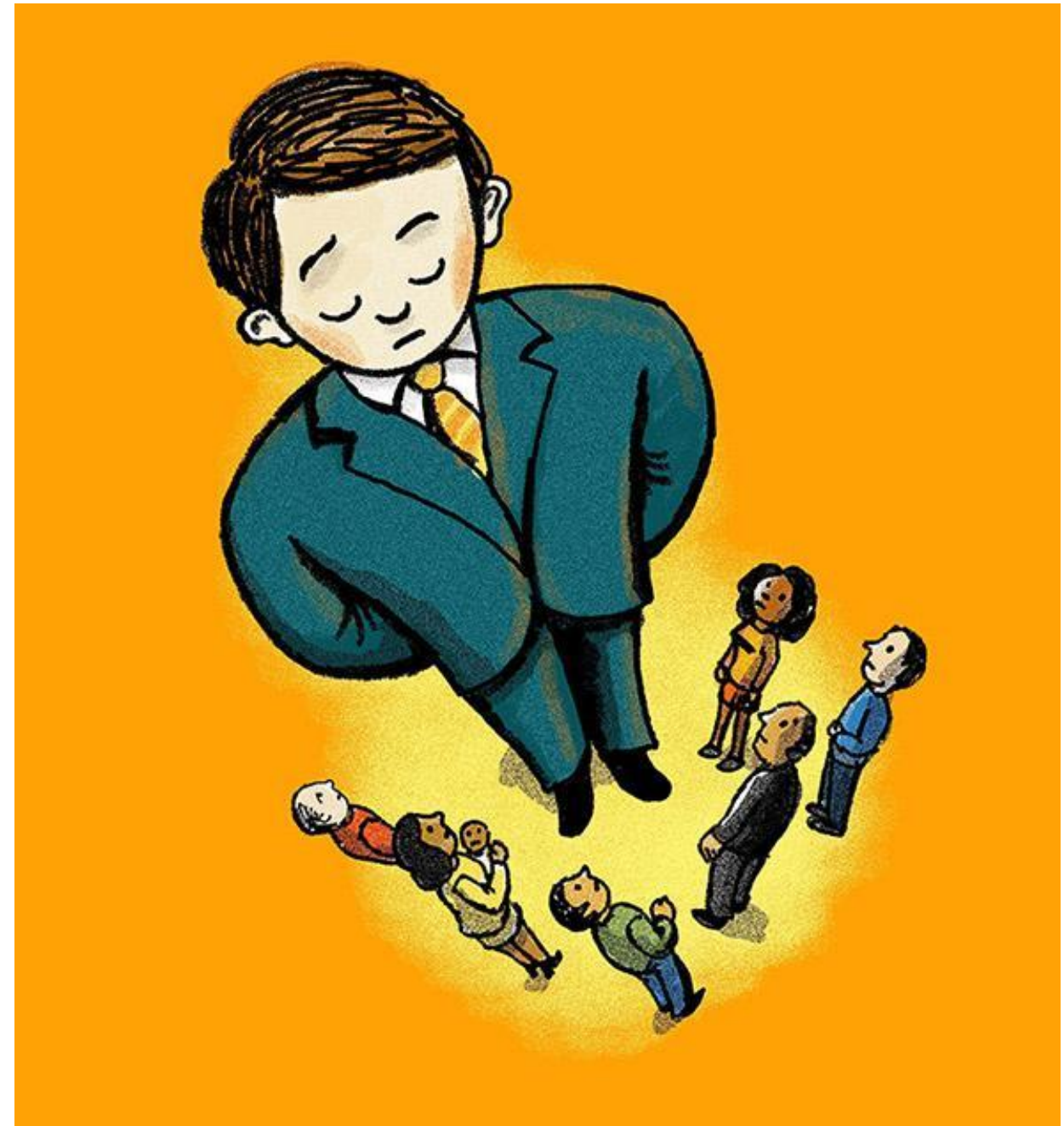




THE CONDITION OF THE LABORING MAN AT PULLMAN.

Social Darwinism

- “Survival of the fittest” in society



Immigration

- Industrialization= more jobs (unskilled labor) [Irish to North] [Chinese to West/California to work on railroads]



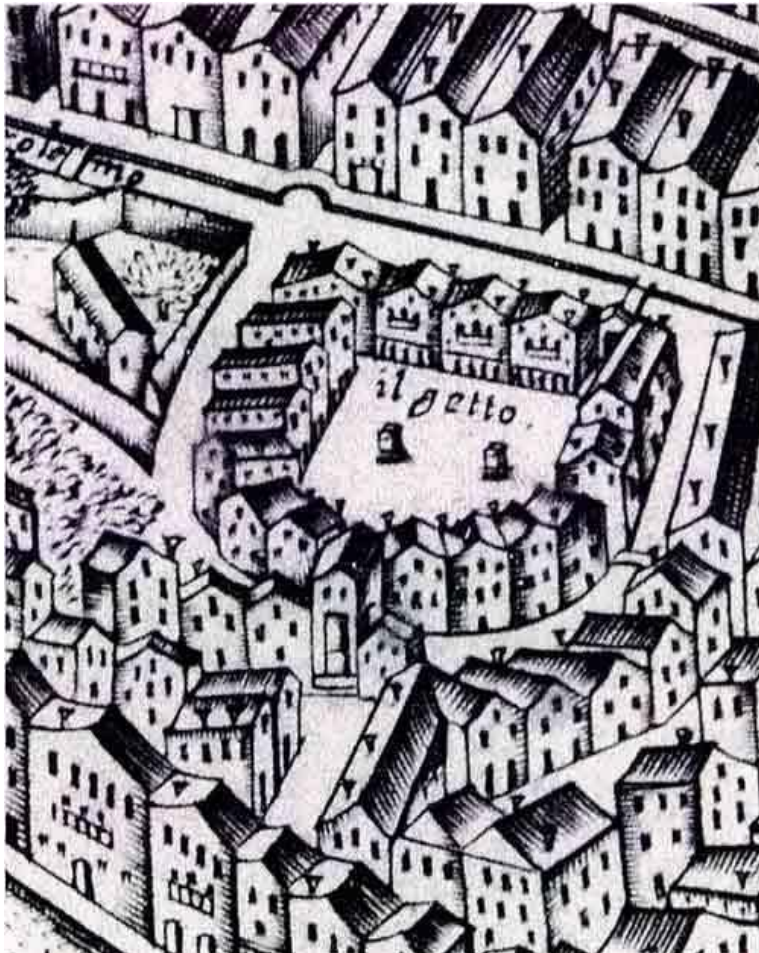
New York, Ellis Island, neg. No. 3163E





Ethnic Ghetto

- a group of people of the same **ethnicity** living together in the same area of a city



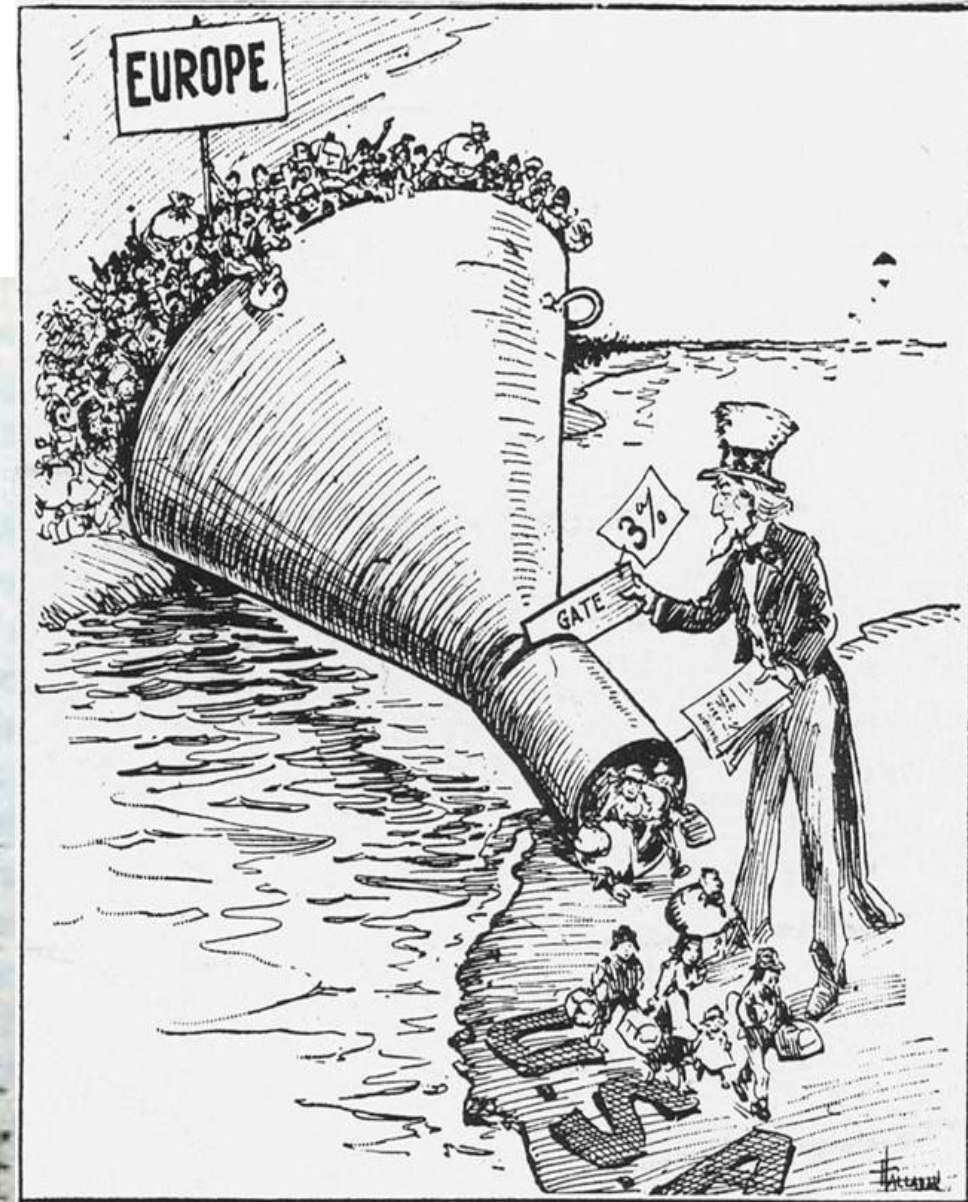
Working Conditions

- Bad/dangerous/low pay → Child Labor → Women work (textiles)



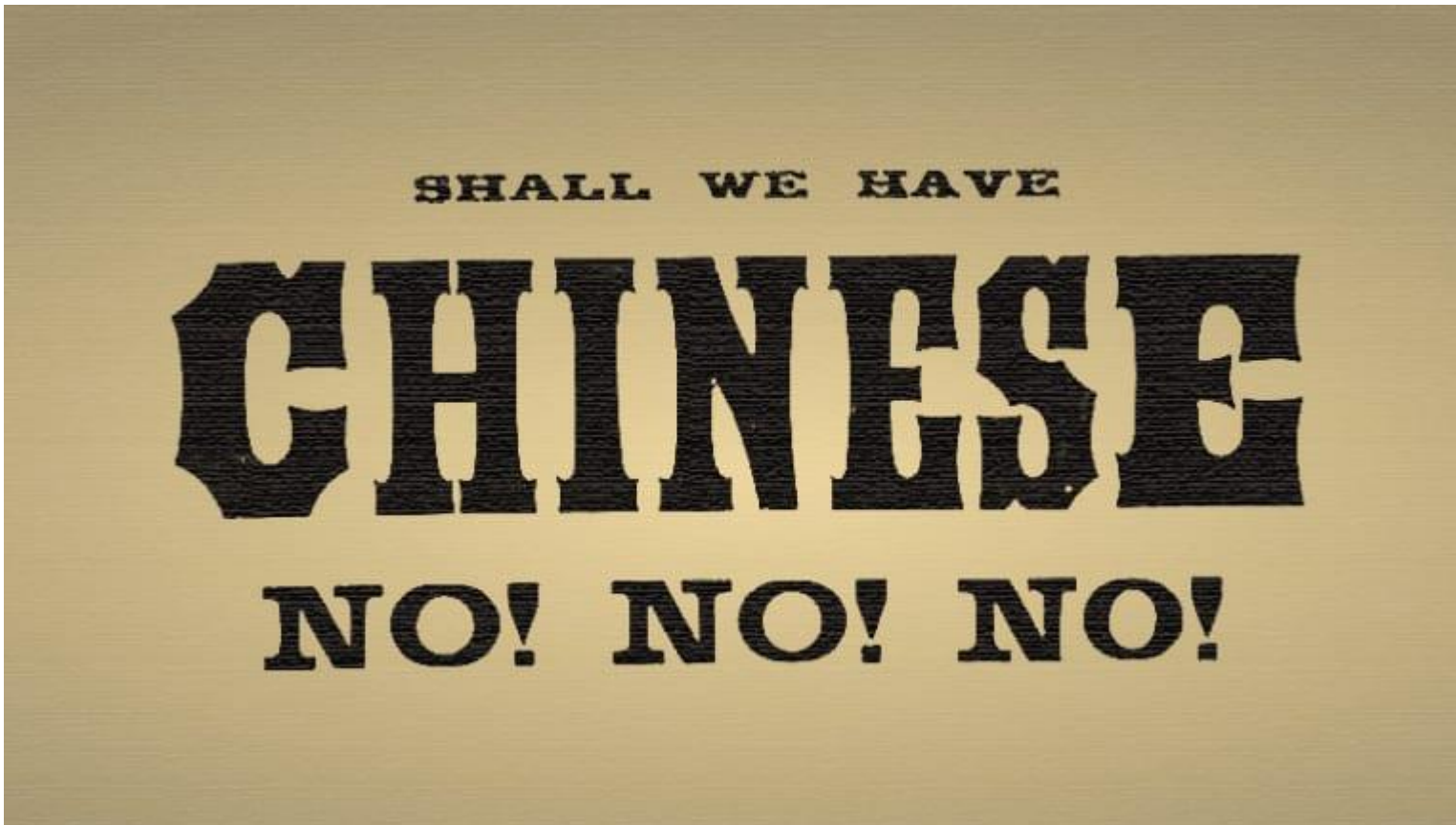
Nativism

- Those against immigration to the US



Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882

- Prohibited all immigration of **Chinese** laborers for 10 years



Beginning Regulation and Reform





A TRUSTWORTHY BEAST.

The public may regard trusts or combinations with serene confidence."—ANDREW CARNEGIE, in an interview in *N. Y. Times*, Oct. 9.

Labor Unions

- Organization of workers that demand better treatment



Solidarity, June 30, 1917. The Hand That Will Rule the World—One Big Union.



Labor Strikes

- As the US became a major industrial power, conflict between workers and factory owners grew bigger (Homestead Strike and Pullman Strike)

STRIKE CALLED

ALL UNIONS TO GO OUT

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 404 Union St. Telephone Elliott 1473 SEATTLE, WASH., MONDAY, FEB. 3, 1919 Vol. 1, No. 231, 2c

SIXTY THOUSAND TO RESPOND TO CALL

At 10 o'clock next Thursday morning 60,000 organized workers in the city of Seattle will stand shoulder to shoulder in the first general strike that has ever been successfully inaugurated in the history of this country. Insolently and contemptuously M. z. Charles Pies and his labor-snubbing shipping board threw down the defiant gauntlet which has now been taken up with a firmness of resolution and a solidarity unmatched in the annals of the American labor movement.

The workers of the northwest believe that they have been flouted and fooled by Pies and his fellow labor-baiters, that they have been deceived and betrayed by the politicians, both state and federal, and they have resolutely grasped the only weapon over which they have any direct control, determined to make a fight that will demonstrate whether or not they have the power to secure the justice that has been denied them by industrial barons and bureaucratic despots.

NO CONSTRUCTIVE LEGISLATION YET

The workers of Washington who are asking of their representatives new laws which will control and bring into being the labor movement are disappointed with the prospect of their representatives being understood and having the laws which they seek to be passed.

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35,000 SILK MILL WORKERS STRIKE

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 3.—More than



Collective Bargaining

- Negotiating between employees and an employer



Sherman Anti-Trust Act (1880)

- U.S. federal law which outlawed trusts — monopolies— to increase economic competitiveness.

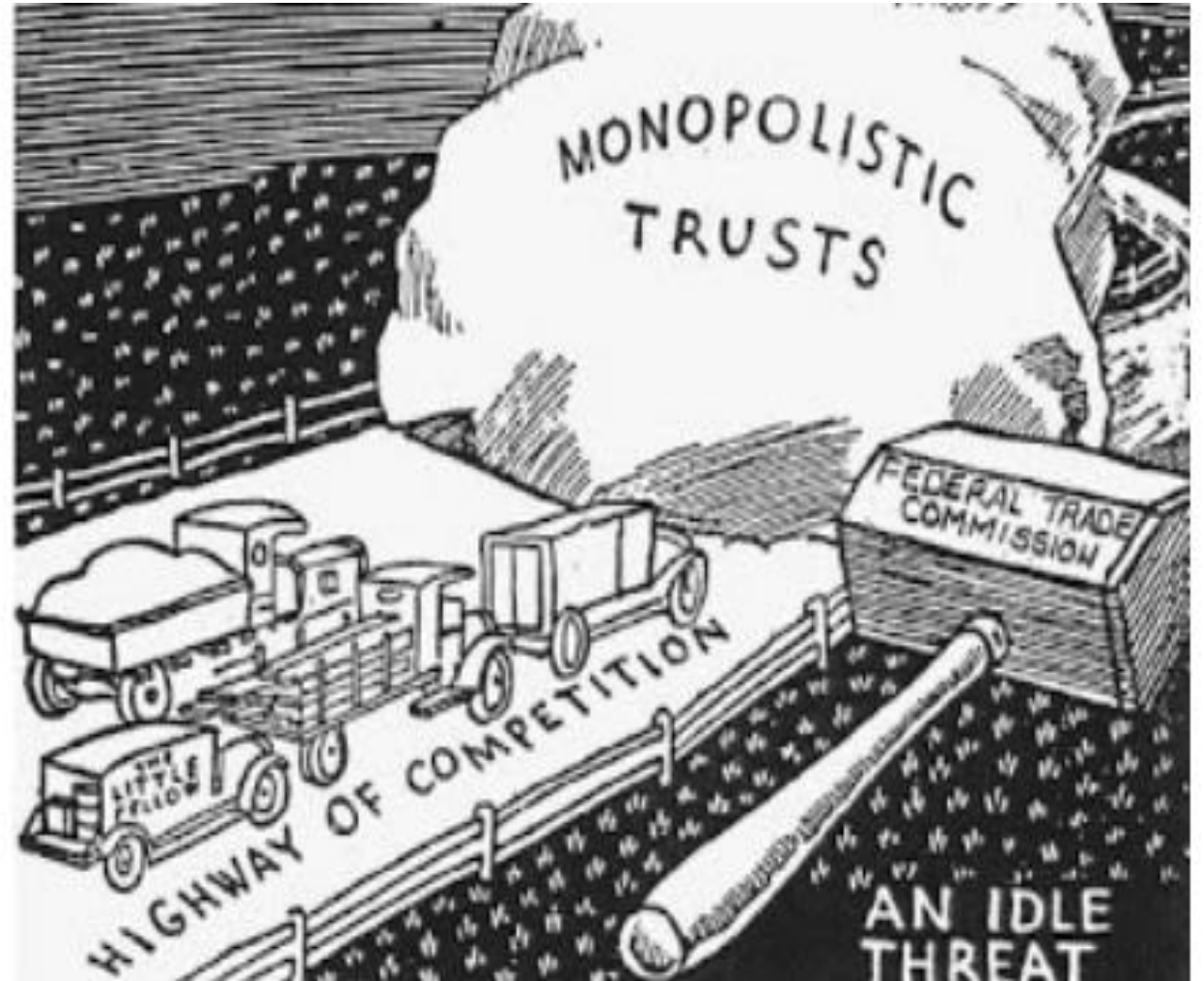


Importance of antitrust



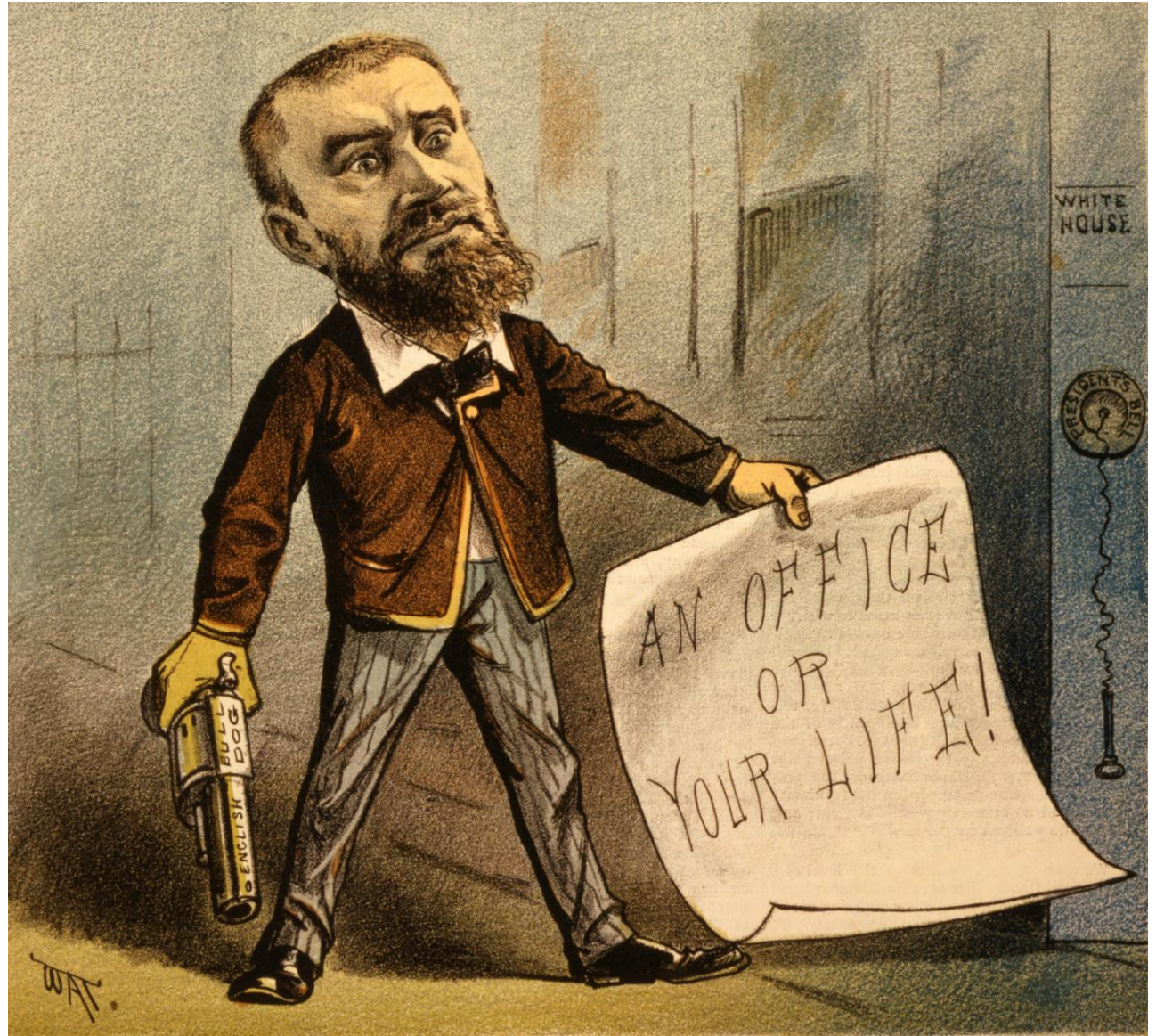
Interstate Commerce Act (1887)

- U.S. federal law that was designed to regulate the **railroad** industry, particularly its monopolistic practices.



The Pendleton Act (1883)

- U.S. federal law which states federal gov jobs should be awarded on the basis of merit instead of political support (civil service reform ending the “spoils system”).



Which of the following contributed most to increased settlement of the Great Plains?

- A** The availability of buffalo
- B** The discovery of precious metals
- C** A series of federal land grants
- D** A decrease in agricultural production

1) How did the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad contribute to the settlement of the West?

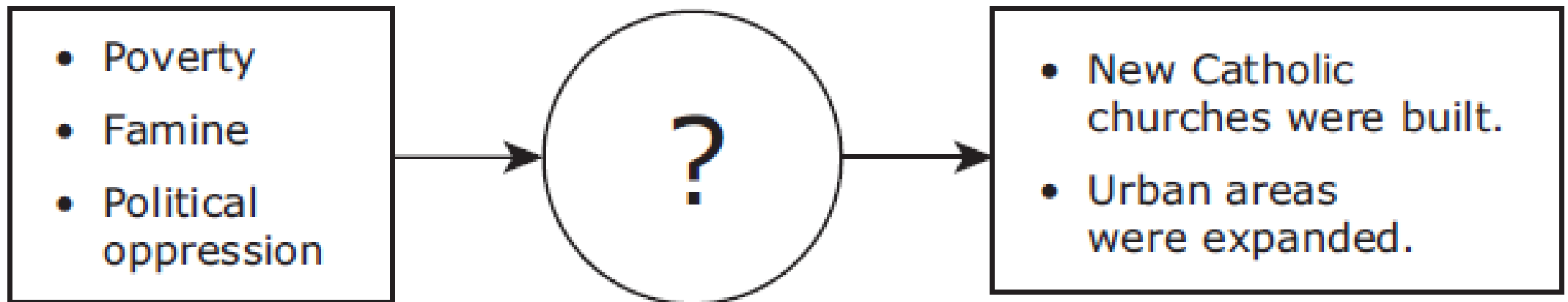
F By providing people with access to essential goods

G By raising money to build factories along the routes

H By giving funds to local leaders to build schools

J By establishing military forts along the routes

Late 1800s



Which sentence correctly completes this diagram?

- F** The Bracero program was introduced.
- G** The Chinese Exclusion Act was passed.
- H** Russian radicals joined labor unions in the United States.
- J** Irish families immigrated to the United States.



THEY WOULD CLOSE TO THE NEW-COMER
THE BRIDGE THAT CARRIED THEM AND THEIR FATHERS OVER

Source: Michigan State University Museum

Which group of people most likely inspired the creation of this 1893 cartoon?

F Union leaders

H Political bosses

G Philanthropists

J Nativists